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14th December, 1896, at 5.45 p.m.

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- 2.—Tenor Solo, L. V. BEETHOVEN.
- 3.—Andante in F., EDOUARD BATISTE.
- 4.—Allegretto, BEETHOVEN.
- 5.—Contralto Solo, SEBASTIAN BACH.
- (c) "In Deine Hände" (from "Gottes Zeit")
- (b) "The Shepherds" and "The Klage" (from "Peter Cornelius").
- Mrs. SACHSE.

- 6.—"The Lake" (a) Dr. WM. SPARK.
- Sketch).
- 7.—Tenor Solo, "The I. DAUERVOEN Shepherd of the fold," BARNABED.
- MR. GEO. P. LAMMERT:

- 8.—Concert Stück (for Organ). DR. WM. SPARK.
- Hongkong, December 9, 1896. 2472

HONGKONG PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.

A CONCERT will be given in ST. GEORGES HALL on THURSDAY, 17th December, at 9.15 p.m.

PROGRAMME.

PART I.

- 1.—Overture "The Bohemian Girl", Dohle.
- 2.—Song "Goodnight, Farewell", Kukoc.
- Mr. E. B. HILL.

- 3.—Drinking Song and Chorus from "Cavalleria Rusticana" Mascagni.
- Solo.—Mr. GEO. P. LAMMERT,

- 4.—Song Miss COXON.
- 5.—Allegro—Moderato, Menuetto and Trio, and Allegro Vivace Haydn, from Symphony in C. Minor ...)

PART II.

- 1.—Choral Fantasy on National Airs (a) G. Vincent.
- 2.—Song "My dearest Heart" Sullivan.
- Mr. WALLINGS.

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No. 465.

THE following Particulars and Conditions of SALE of CROWN LAND by PUBLIC AUCTION, to be held on the Spot, on MONDAY, the 14th day of December, 1896, at 4 p.m., are published for general information.

By Command, J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Hongkong, 25th November, 1896. 2458

Particulars and Conditions of the Letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 14th day of December, 1896, at 4 p.m., by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of Two Lots of Crown Land at HUNG HOM, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years.

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The only changes in our Share List are—
Banks, 180; prem., and Sugars, \$137.

This football match between Hongkong F. C. and Kowloon F. C. this afternoon resulted in a win for Kowloon by 5 goals to nil.

The date for closing applications for shares in the Eastern Mica Manipulating Works, has been postponed until Saturday, 19th inst.

Reports from all parts of Tonkin are to the effect that the rice crop has been an exceptionally good one this season, but in some districts the heavy rainfall and serious inundations have caused considerable damage.

In his weekly share report, Mr Erich Geeng says:—Business remains very dull. Rates have not undergone much change, but the tendency all round, with very few exceptions, is towards selling, and no improvement can be looked forward to until after the close of the year.

The band of the West Yorkshire Regiment will play the following programme at the Officers' Mess on Monday evening:—

Overture "Leslie" Auber.
(2) Special "Dances" Saraswati.
Fantaisie "Un Poé d'Arango" Dernierman.
Valse "La Chanson de l'Amour" Gounod.
Hermance "Gard du Chant" Gounod.
Selection "Isolante" Sullivan.
Coda "Gloria" Sullivan.

Wm. G. Bentley, A.R.C.M., Bandmaster.

L'Indo-Chine Francaise states that M. Kehren, engineer to the Kebo Coal Company, has just returned from Vladivostock where he had been to submit samples of the Kebo coal to the Russian authorities. Mr Kehren has returned perfectly satisfied with his mission.

In an attack by Chinese banditti on a French outpost near Luckay three men were dangerously wounded. Further attacks are threatened, and the natives employed at Coe-lou are so afraid that they propose to withdraw from the factory established by Messrs de St. Amand and Porche.

At the regular meeting of the St. Mary Magdalene Rose Croix Chapter, held in the Freemason's Hall on Thursday last, the 16th inst., Captain P. R. Simmons, R.A., was duly installed as M. W. S. for the ensuing year. After the installation a banquet was held at the Hongkong Club, when a very pleasant evening was spent.

An ingenious method has been adopted by a number of coolies at Shaukiwan in order to capture Mr. Holdsworth's chickens at the Mica Works. The operations have been in progress for some time with great success to the coolies, but yesterday afternoon the Police secured four of the aggressors while they were watching their traps. The traps were set in bushes which are known as partridge snare amongst the bushes in the poultry run. The snare is composed of two upright pieces of wood fixed in the ground, with a string stretched between, from which a number of running loops of gut are hung. A number of grasshoppers are also suspended from the string as bait, and the chicken in order to secure the tasty morsel had to pull its neck through the loop. When the innocent chick endeavoured to withdraw its neck the running loop tightened, and he was held a prisoner. The four coolies were charged at the Magistrate to-day with attempted larceny, and were bound over to keep the peace for three weeks.

THIS afternoon the prizes gained in the regatta were presented in the Gymnasium of the Victoria Recreation Club to the successful competitors. There was a large attendance of members and also a good attendance of ladies. The prizes were presented by Mrs Hastings. Commander Hastings, in the course of a few remarks said the regatta having been the fortieth held in connection with the Club, there was very little new or strange for him to speak upon. They had been blessed with glorious weather both days for rowing and sailing, and through the efforts of their indefatigable Secretary the regatta had been a splendid success. Regattas were more or less alike, especially here in Hongkong. The oldest inhabitant could hardly be able to tell when there had been a regatta without the Lamouras, the Kews, the Stepanis, the Alves: they were continually coming up to the table to take the prizes. (Laughter and applause). On this occasion Mr Fritz Lambert was in himself a procession. He was a many-sided man. On Thursday he rowed in the Roe, and he also carried the Civil Service Colours—the white footed red tape. (Laughter). On Friday he pulled in the Roe, presumably a Welshman, wearing the German colour, and that well-fought battle was certainly won by the best crew (Applause). He had been informed that Mr. Leach had been training on hedges, and he would appear at the next Scotch Ball in the London Apartment. (Laughter). He then called on Mrs. Hastings to present the prizes. After the prizes had been presented Mr Armstrong thanked Mrs. Hastings for kindly performing the ceremony, and presented her with a handsome bouquet. Three cheers and a "hooray" were given for Mrs. Hastings and the Chairman. Commander Hastings in calling for three cheers for Mr. Armstrong said he regretted to say they were not to have him very much longer as their Secretary. Three cheers were also given for Mr. W. H. Foster the steward, and the meeting ended.

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The Singapore Volunteer Artillery went into camp on the 3rd inst.

THE REBELLION IN THE PHILIPPINES.

THE PRESENT SITUATION.

THE REBEL STRENGTH.

With this issue we publish a sketch map showing the positions of the main body of the rebels near Cavite and of the Spanish forces in Cavite and Manila. The rebels are in possession of the whola of the Province of Cavite, excepting the city and arsenal of Cavite which are situated across the bay from Manila, six miles distant by steam-launch, and the isthmus connecting that city with the mainland. They are well fortified (since the end of August) at Imus and also at Novata, both in the Cavite Province. In front of Novata, they have a line of trenches, a mile and a half long, which were attacked by Spanish troops and loyal native auxiliaries on the 10th November. Pending the arrival of the reinforcements, the rebellion assumed alarming proportions, and when this contingent arrived it was found to be insufficient. An unsuccessful attempt was made to dislodge the rebels at Imus. Fighting movements were then made to the ship after ship to repel the rebels, until just now we have 10,000 Spanish troops and 2000 men of the 73rd Native Regiment and about 30 Spanish *casadores*, with 50 wounded of both corps. So far, the rebel trenches have proved to be impregnable. The Spaniards have retired to a place called Dalahican, situated three-quarters of a mile from the above-mentioned rebel trenches, and have fortified a camp there. In the camp they have four large cannon and two bronze mortars; in the trench adjoining the camp they have one cannon. A few days ago, there were 3000 Spanish troops in this camp under the command of General Rios. Up to the present no further attack has been made on the rebel trenches, although from the sea-side the rebel trenches of Novata could easily be dominated, by artillery. The rebel trenches here are splendidly constructed, and show that a skilful hand has been at work in their design. As a matter of absolute fact the rebel strength is not known, but it is estimated that there are at least 20,000 men behind these earthworks and at Novata.

That steam-launches have altered the relations entirely, nearly all the spectators who formerly crowded the Flagship and cargo-boats which lined the course now

that there never was a time—old fashions (so to speak) when so large and pretty a fleet of small yachts appeared on the scene; while the Zephyr was also there to represent the dignity of the older time.

At Imus the estate-houses of the friars, the rebels are still in undisturbed possession. The estate-house is practically a fortress surrounded by a very strong masonry wall. This must be regarded as the head-quarters of the rebels. Accounts of their strength here vary, but may be safely set down as somewhere between 6,000 and 10,000. They hold, as we have seen, almost the whole of the Province of Cavite, with an estimated total force (in that Province) of 35,000 men. About one in five is armed with the Mauser rifle; the others with bamboo lances and bowie knives (the latter a terrible weapon for fighting at close quarters and resembling the *kris* of Borneo). In the earthworks near the Imus Fort, they have a few small cannons called here *tancas*. They have also cast some new cannon of small calibre in pursuit of the enemy and cut off their retreat to the mountain fastnesses.

General Pola Vizca comes with an established reputation as a great Cuban warrior. Pending his arrival, the Spaniards are apparently only acting on the defensive. All their hopes are centred on the military tactics of the great General, who has gained his laurels in the Western colony. To quash this rising, fortunately, the new General has before him five months of the hot season for operations, and we can hardly doubt that he will attain his purpose.

We cannot too closely criticise the apparent inaction of the Spaniards, for they are quite alive to the fact that they can not afford to run the risk of possible reverses, which would draw in further hosts of rebels into the field, and there must be thousands of sympathisers in the background who would be willing to join in the struggle so long as it remains in the nature of a rebellion. Moreover, a complete triumph over the insurgents and a crushing defeat of them will secure only a temporary peace unless the attacking party consist of overwhelming numbers, and, after the rout, could divide off into flying columns to pursue the enemy and cut off their retreat to the mountain fastnesses.

GENERAL POLA VIZCA. THE TRUE CAUSES OF THE REBELLION.

It is nearly a generation since the last movement was directed against established authority in the Philippines. It was then confined to Cavite City, and was speedily quelled. Four native priests suffered capital punishment, and many of their supporters were banished. The grounds of discontent in that case were the same as in this. We do not pretend to venture to give an opinion on the points at issue. We will go no further than to narrate the arguments of the malcontents and the counter-arguments of the Spaniards. As everybody knows, the Government of these islands is theocratic. The real Government is the religious corporations whose executive is a secular power. From the Captain-General downwards any functionary proving himself to be an omnious spot in the wheel of this Government may be sure of his speedy recall. The ecclesiastical party are extremely rich. Their total income is estimated at \$2,000,000 per annum, and the expenses of the Government, for economical reasons, to hold the country on the patriarchal system to avoid the expense of maintaining a large military contingent, although as a matter of fact we have never seen that the sacrificial power has had any restraining influence on the brigand bands, and to hold these in check a large force of gendarmerie. If this corps were increased, it would be a great deal better for the wealth-producing classes—that is to say, the agriculturists. Now we are not advocating anything, but we will state what the rebel alleged his complaint and as the true cause of the outbreak.

They rebel *in toto* against the interference of the clergy in any matters not appertaining to the Church functions. They kick against the prieur's postbox, and they kick against the priest's postbox, and they kick against the foreigner. Just at this moment the church property of Malinta, one hour's drive from Manila, is in flames. The Spaniards, of course, hold the city of Manila, which is a walled city; the drawbridges have been put in order in readiness for closing the city gates at the slightest approach of danger. The rebels are in great force within three hours' march both north and south. The idea of the rebels ever being able to capture the city of Manila is almost groundless. Nevertheless, there is a small minority who entertain such a contingency, and this view is shared by a good many Europeans. The natives generally are of opinion that Manila is to be taken.

The open rebellion is confined to the Island of Luzon, on which the capital of Manila is situated. Although we cannot doubt that there is a vast number of sympathisers with the movement all over the Archipelago, everything apparently takes place in the Island of Luzon. There, the town of Malabon is situated, and where there is a large foreign Colony. The same may be said of the Island of Cebu, which also a number of foreigners are established. As to Negros—the largest sugar-producing island—no open support is given to the rebellion.

But taking advantage of the real of the *reformista* to the east of war, numerous bands of brigands have formed and are scouring the island. In the Island of Mindanao—at the new settlement of the Spaniards, created—their corps also took advantage of the situation to kill their officers and to seize the interior, and it is a serious

confusion, and who by their action have exposed their own lives, have no higher object in view.

We believe that if the friars were compelled to retire these islanders, as a body, would pretty readily accept the present civil and military administration. Whilst the atrocities committed by the rebels on the priests, the white women, and others who have fallen into their power cannot fail to horrify us—and we deeply lament them—we cannot regard the same as a part of their programme, but as mere exactions of royal, not uncivilised, savagery.

It may be fairly estimated that the total rebel force throughout the whole of the islands amounts to about 50,000 men.

THE POSITION OF THE SPANISH SIDE.

Now as to the state of affairs on the Spanish side. When this outbreak occurred the Spanish forces, peninsula and islands, were dispersed over the islands. The nucleus of peninsula troops then available did not exceed 1500, but they were well officered and well armed. The native auxiliaries made a total of about 6000. Governor-General Blanco informed the Spanish Government that the rising was of most considerable importance, and asked that only 1000 more troops might be sent to his aid. The reply from Spain was that they would immediately despatch 2000 men, 2,000,000 cartridges, 6000 Remington rifles and the gunboats *Isla de Cuba* and *Isla de Luzon*. Pending the arrival of the reinforcements, the rebellion assumed alarming proportions, and when this contingent arrived it was found to be insufficient. An unsuccessful attempt was made to dislodge the rebels at Imus. Fighting movements were then made to the ship after ship to repel the rebels, until just now we have 10,000 Spanish troops and 2000 men of the 73rd Native Regiment and about 30 Spanish *casadores*, with 50 wounded of both corps. So far, the rebel trenches have proved to be impregnable. The Spaniards have retired to a place called Dalahican, situated three-quarters of a mile from the above-mentioned rebel trenches, and have fortified a camp there. In the camp they have four large cannon and two bronze mortars; in the trench adjoining the camp they have one cannon. A few days ago, there were 3000 Spanish troops in this camp under the command of General Rios. Up to the present no further attack has been made on the rebel trenches, although from the sea-side the rebel trenches of Novata could easily be dominated, by artillery. The rebel trenches here are splendidly constructed, and show that a skilful hand has been at work in their design. As a matter of absolute fact the rebel strength is not known, but it is estimated that there are at least 20,000 men behind these earthworks and at Novata.

For three centuries Spain has endeavoured to convert the Oriental into an Occidental, and has hopelessly failed.

Probably no other nation has ever attempted the task. We cannot understand the policy which would encourage and offer a premium on mixed marriages, the result being create just that class of half-caste, who have always and will always be separated from their mother country. We must, however, do our best to make this system work.

WEATHER NOTICE.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory:—

On the 12th at 11.20 a.m. Pressure has increased on the China Coast, decreased in E. Japan and remains steady in the South and West. Gradients continue slight. Forecast:—moderate N. to N.E. winds; fine.

THE EXPLOSION ON THE 'SAGHALIEN.'

FOURTEEN DEATHS.

Le Courier de Saigon, which came to hand to-day, contains details of the fatal explosion on board the French mail steamer *Saghalien*. It would appear from our contemporary that there was considerable apprehension entertained at Saigon in consequence of the steamer being over-drawn from Singapore. Ultimately it transpired that a boiler had burst on board, killing instantaneously twelve Arab firemen and seriously injuring six others, including a French stoker named Dubois. All the injured men were horribly scalded, and Dubois and another Arab subsequently succumbed. The accident occurred about six o'clock on the evening of November 30, when the vessel was 70 miles from Poulo Condore, and just where the water temperature changed. Fortunately the sea was smooth at the time. The noise from the escaping steam was most startling, and as the electric light went out leaving the ship in darkness there was, naturally, much excitement amongst the passengers until the Commander was able to reassure them there was no immediate danger. The Commander, Chief Engineer and some of the sailors, at great risk to themselves, gallantly entered the hold, and brought up the dead and injured. It is reported that all on board behaved with admirable sang-froid. After several hours' delay, the vessel was again got underway, but, in her crippled condition, could not make more than seven knots per hour. It is anticipated that the *Saghalien* will be ready for sea in three weeks. The injuries are doing as well as might be expected, and two had recovered sufficiently to be discharged from hospital.

THE C. D. ACTS.

The *Times*, commenting on the report regarding the sanitary measures adopted in India in 1895, says that the statistics in respect to contagious diseases show that there is more reason than ever to do the utmost possible to repress a most weakening, if not, a most dangerous disease.

TURKEY AND BURMA.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 24.—An inspired article in the *Vedomosti*, says that Russia's policy is to reduce Turkey to complete dependence.

THE EGYPTIAN QUESTION.

Cairo, Nov. 25.—The Egyptian Budget for 1897 has been issued. It makes the surplus only 5,000 pounds as it is decided henceforth to exclude sums going to the general Reserve Fund and the Conversion Fund, since Government is not free to disburse it. The Government believes it will be able to meet the annual expenses of the Dongola Province without disturbing equilibrium. The sum is to be increased by four battalions of Infantry, two squadrons of Cavalry and a battery of Artillery, the Dongola Province bearing the cost.

EGYPTIAN COLOURS BURNED.

Allahabad, Nov. 24.—On Sunday evening the mussel bungalow of the 16th Bengal Infantry at Cawnpore caught fire and was burnt to the ground. On the alarm being given the whole garrison turned out promptly and did all that could be done to stop the progress of the fire, but the timbers and the thatching were old and burnt like tinder. Two fire engines were turned out, one belonging to the Royal Artillery, the other to the Highland Light Infantry, but nothing could be done as far as the building was concerned. Some of the furniture, plate and stones were saved, but most unfortunately the regimental colours were lost.

New Piano and Organ Repairing Material and Machinery just to hand; also the latest Flute. W. Robinson & Co.

THE banquets held in Australia in connection with the new Japanese Shipping Line having given rise to an impression that hitherto there has been no steam communication between Australia and Japan, Mr. George E. Young has pointed out that as a matter of fact, the Nippon Yusen Kaisha are simply entering into competition with two other lines of British-owned steamers which have been running between Sydney and Kobe, for many years. The pioneers on this line were the Eastern and Australian Steamship Company, and their steamers have been leaving monthly for years past, and with a monthly service by the China Company, there has been practically a fortnightly service direct to Japan for a very long time. The new Japanese line are only following the trade route of the older line in its entirety, and the accommodation for the crew and officers was twice decked. The accommodation for the passengers has now been provided, and the upper deck will be exclusively provided for European passengers. The old saloon, which was completely destroyed by fire, has been cleared out entirely, affording more cargo space, and an excellent saloon, furnished in teak wood and beautifully upholstered, has also been placed on the upper deck, with a alcove room and Captain's room above. The whole arrangements have been designed to make the vessel suitable for this climate. The decks have been relaid and the boilers, engines and machinery have received a thorough overhaul to the satisfaction of both Lloyd's and the Government surveyor.

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A Berlin telegram dated Berlin, November 24, in the following terms:—Colonel Liebert starts to-morrow for Pekin with an autograph letter and the Order of the Black Eagle from the Emperor William to the Emperor of China.

The Rangoon Gazette considers it a fact of diplomacy that Sir Hallday Macarthur should have been able to remain in the Chinese service continuously for thirty years. Sir Hallday is a Scot and Sir Robert Hart is an Irishman, and with the exception of these two it is doubtful if any English subject has been employed for such a length of time by the Chinese.

At the annual meeting of the National Conservative Union on 19th November, resolution was passed, taking the Government to include in its programme next session the final settlement of the question in regard to Rhodesia, and the establishment of a preference tariff favouring British and colonial products as against foreign manufacturers.

His Excellency Deval, and it is unfortunate that Spain will not learn a lesson from their experience in the colonies when they come to their colonies. Every rising of the people against Spanish authority has been the work of half-breeds. In this case it is the Chinese mixed race. We cannot suppose that the rebel "troops" if we can call them such, know exactly what they are fighting for. Probably they are living a jolly good life—no taxes to pay, good grub, lots of alcohol, and no taxes to pay them.

It must not be supposed that the leading men who have property to lose, are anxious to see the interior, and it is a serious

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL'.]

INCREASE OF GERMAN STEAM-SHIP SUBSIDIES.

LONDON, 10th December, 1896.

The German Government has proposed to increase the subsidies to the steamship lines running to the Far East to a million and a half Marks to meet foreign competition.

THE CHINA MAIL.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1896.

Notices to Consignees.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM SHANGHAI AND KOBE.

THE Steamship *Gisela* having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO., LTD., whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Undersigned before Noon on the 16th Instant, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 16th Instant will be subject to rent. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by Sander & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, December 9, 1896. 2480

STEAMSHIP DORDOGNE.
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London, G. Havre and Marseilles, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risks into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after Wednesday, the 16th December, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All Claims must be sent in to me or before Wednesday, the 16th December, or they will not be recognized.

All Damaged Packages will be examined on WEDNESDAY, the 16th December, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. de CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, December 9, 1896. 2488

STEAMSHIP TAMISE.
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London ex Steamship *Gremblin*, from BOUGAINVILLE, ex s.s. *Pavlovskaia* in connection with the above vessel, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LTD., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation received from the Consignees before 5 p.m. To-day (Thursday), the 10th Inst., respecting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after Wednesday, the 16th December, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

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No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. de CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, December 10, 1896. 2501

NOTICE TO CONSIGNNEES.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S
STEAMER HYDASPE.

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings on Cargo:-

From LONDON, ex s.s. *Nubia*. From PERSIAN GULF, ex s.s. *Kifra*, *Astria*, *Mohammed* and *Moshir*.

Goods not cleared by the 16th Instant, at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in this Vessel.

All Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no Claims will be recognized.

H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, December 10, 1896. 2499

GLEN LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.
FROM NEW YORK AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship *Glenore* having arrived in the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by the same are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO., LTD., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 16th Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Consignees are requested to present all Claims for damages and/or shortages not later than the 25th Instant, otherwise they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 18th Instant, at 11 a.m.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHERSON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, December 11, 1896. 2504

Not Responsible for Debts.

Notice to Captain, the Agents, and Owners will be responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:-

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The Co.'s Steamship *Haiyan*, Captain ROACH, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 13th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPPALI & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, December 12, 1896. 2494

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

JAPAN-AUSTRALIAN LINE.

MONTHLY SERVICE.

(Under Mail Contract.)

FOR THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

The Co.'s Steamship *Toko Maru*, Captain E. S. BARSTON, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 15th December, at 6 p.m.

This Steamer is fitted with Superior Passenger Accommodation and carries a duly qualified Doctor.

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Hongkong, December 11, 1896. 2478

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

The Co.'s Steamship *Bayer*, Captain B. BLANKE, due here with the outward German Mail about the 15th Instant, will leave for the above Place about 24 hours after arrival.

For further Particulars, apply to MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, December 11, 1896. 2514

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND NAGASAKI.

(Passing through the INLAND SEA).

The Co.'s Steamship *Hohenstaufen*, Captain A. HARRASOWITZ, will leave for the above Ports on about WEDNESDAY, the 15th December.

For further Particulars, apply to MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, December 11, 1896. 2513

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

JAPAN-EUROPE LINE.

MONTHLY SERVICE.

FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, PORT SAID, MARSEILLE, LONDON AND ANTWERP.

The Co.'s Steamship *Yamaguchi Maru*, Captain ALLEN, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 17th December, at Noon, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, December 11, 1896. 2493

GLEN LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship *Glenore*, Captain M. C. NEVILL, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 17th Instant, at 4 p.m., instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHERSON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, December 9, 1896. 2469

MOGUL LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

(Calling at NAGASAKI if sufficient indenture offers.)

The Steamship *Eurydice*, Captain SAW, will be despatched for the above Ports at Noon, on FRIDAY, the 18th December.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DODWELL, GILLILL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, December 10, 1896. 2492

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship *Daphne*, Captain E. SCHEPPER, will be despatched for the above Port on TUESDAY, the 15th Inst., at 1 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSEN & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, December 9, 1896. 2483

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship *Dayne*, Captain E. SCHEPPER, will be despatched for the above Port on TUESDAY, the 15th Inst., at 1 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, December 10, 1896. 2498

JAPAN-BOMBAY LINE.

MONTHLY SERVICE.

(Under Mail Contract.)

FOR KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

The Co.'s Steamship *Izumi Maru*, Captain J. OAKAWA, will be despatched for the above ports on THURSDAY, the 17th December.

For Freight or Passage, apply to NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, December 11, 1896. 2488

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

JAPAN-BOMBAY LINE.

MONTHLY SERVICE.

(Calling at TUTICORIN on the Homeward Voyage.)

The Co.'s Steamship *Hiroshima Maru*, Captain ARIZONO, will be despatched for the above Port on FRIDAY, the 18th December, at 1 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, December 11, 1896. 2489

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

JAPAN-BOMBAY LINE.

MONTHLY SERVICE.

(Under Mail Contract.)

FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO AND BOMBAY.

The Co.'s Steamship *Tuticorin*, Captain J. OAKAWA, will be despatched for the above Port on FRIDAY, the 18th December, at 1 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, December 11, 1896. 2508

SAILING VESSELS.

FOR NEW YORK.

The 3/4 A.I. 3-m. Amer. Ship *William H. Smith*, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to CARLOWITZ & CO.

Hongkong, October 18, 1896. 2114

MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, November 28, 1896. 2393

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Victoria ... | 3,167 | Tuesday | Dec. 20,

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Bretton ... | 3,161 | Tuesday | Feb. 9,

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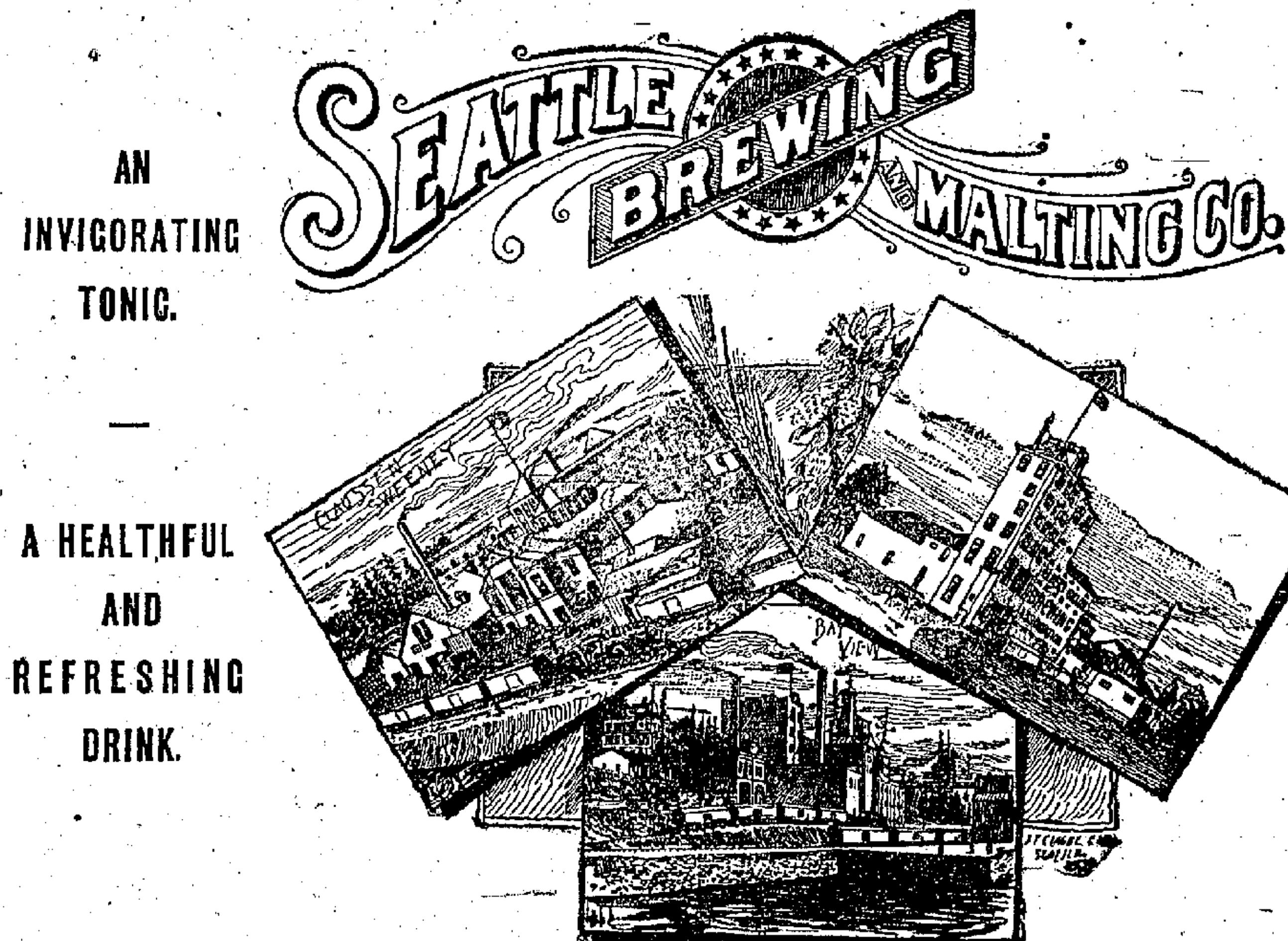
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NEWS BY THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

DEATH OF MRS. SCOTT-SIDDONS.

The death is announced of Mrs. Scott-Siddons, the eminent actress, who visited Australia many years ago. The late Mrs. Scott-Siddons, who was a great-granddaughter of the famous Mrs. Siddons, was born in 1844, and began her professional career in 1867 by giving Shakespearean readings at the Hanover-square Rooms, London. She made her debut on the metropolitan stage on 8th April, 1867, at the Haymarket Theatre.

INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT KRUGER.

Nov. 16.—President Kruger has been interviewed at Pretoria, the Transvaal capital, with reference to the report that the Transvaal Government paid £1,000,000 to the British South Africa Company as an indemnity for the Jameson raid. The President stated that the Republic claimed the indemnity, and that early in December a demand for an indemnity of a reasonable amount would be presented to the British Government, and not to the British South Africa Company. The speech of the Earl of Lonsdale at Whitehaven on Thursday last has excited much discontent in Berlin.

The National Zeitung says that Lord Lonsdale's statements raised painful doubts as to whether he was authorised to make such statements, as foreign rulers do not usually employ private British subjects to explain their policy.

Nov. 16.—The Cape Town correspondent of the Times says that the claim of the Transvaal Government is not likely to cause much trouble in the Transvaal.

Dr. W. J. Leyds, the Colonial Secretary of State, declares that the Jameson raid cost the Transvaal £103,000. It is stated that the indemnity for the raid to be claimed by the Transvaal from Great Britain will not exceed the amount mentioned by Dr. Leyds.

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